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The Honorable Senator and Maryland Delegates
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Dear Senator Guzzone and Maryland Delegates,

I am writing today to encourage you to oppose SB4 “Keeping Charities Nonpartisan Act of 2026”.

I oppose this bill because it is against the First and Second Amendment. These 2 Amendment protects and empowers a citizen to think, speak and express their beliefs without the interference of the government. This freedom is central foundation to a free society which is the underlying foundation of the United States and the key difference between democracy and communism.

SB4 is attempting to silence political and religion speech by giving government power to impose fines and strip away Maryland income tax, sales tax and property tax exemptions for our churches, parsonages and religious schools, should an organization dare to speak and express opposition against political views. The fundamental principles of the United States, specifically the first and second amendment protects all people’s religion freedom and their right to voice their beliefs.

Recently in the country of South Korea, a pastor was imprisoned for voicing his political views. As a Korea-American this event was devastating as it signals the beginnings of communism in South Korea, similar to North Korea. Here in the United States, this cannot happen, we must preserve democracy by securing the first and second amendment. All people, no matter who they are, should have the security to speak and voice their opinions and beliefs. We cannot punish anyone or any group for exercising their freedom.

Please vote NO on SB 4 and reject any attempt to punish churches for preaching and teaching the ideas that shape our public life. Maryland should never use tax codes to silence any faith-based charities.

Thank you,

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